Illegitimate new born babies

1860. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many illegitimate new born babies are found thrown and abandoned in garbage, etc. and some of them are adopted by the needy couples;

(b) if so, the details of such cases/incidents during 2006 and 2007 and the number of infants among them, who have dies for want of proper care;

(c) how the survived babies, not adopted by any one, are brought up the nurtured; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent tendency to abandoned such infants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This Ministry has no such information. However, legal adoption of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children is carried out by recognized adoption agencies all over the country.

(c) The orphan, abandoned and surrendered babies, if not adopted, are kept under institutional care in children's homes or given in foster care as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and its Amendment Act, 2006.

(d) Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)' for implementation during 11th Plan period under which there is provision for setting up of Cradle Baby Reception Centres in each district. These Cradle Baby Reception Centres will be linked to Cradle Points at Primary Health Care Centres (PHCs), Hospitals/Nursing Homes, Swadhar Units, Short Stay Homes and in the office of the District Child Protection Unit to receive abandoned babies. For every child received by the cradle baby reception centre, the process of creating an individual care plan shall be initiated by the reception centre, to be further developed and prepared by the Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) in whose care the child is to be transferred after the authorization of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Efforts have been made by the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) and its associated agencies and the State Governments to prevent abandonment of infants through various publicity and awareness campaign, etc.

Public-Private Partnership in ICDS

1861. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce public-private partnership in the Integrated Child Development Services;

(b) if so, the details of positive impact expected by Government; and

(c) the details of total allocation of this scheme, under the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Public-Private